



Christensen named vice chancellor for academic and student affairs

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Editor-in-chief

After a five-month national search and interviews with three candidates, UNO appointed a new vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

Chancellor Nancy Belck announced Jan. 22 that John Christensen would take the position, pending approval by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

"John Christensen has broad support across campus and in the community, and is ready to take on the challenges of his interim role on a permanent basis," Belck said in a statement. "His knowledge, experience and vision are invaluable and will further UNO's transformation into a metropolitan university of distinction."

Christensen's position originated last February, when UNO's administrative posts were reorganized. The restructure was in conjunction with the December 2003 retirements of Mary Mudd, former vice chancellor for student affairs, and Gary Carico, former vice chancellor for business and finance.

Christensen, who served as interim vice chancellor for academic and student affairs since last May, is ready to take action.

"UNO has a rich history and extremely



courtesy photo

John Christensen, new vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

bright future, and it is an honor and privilege to serve in this new capacity," he said. "Chancellor Belck, in collaboration with the campus community and metropolitan stakeholders, has charted a course for excellence at UNO. I'm excited about the progress that has been made and the directions for the future."

Christensen began his tenure at UNO in 1978 as a faculty member in the UNO College of Education's Department of Special Education and Communication

Disorders. During that time, he served as chair of that department for 12 years, then served as dean of the UNO College of Education until his interim appointment as vice chancellor.

Christensen received his bachelor's degree in speech and communication from Dana College, his master's degree in speech-language pathology from UNO and his Ph.D. in speech-language pathology from the University of Kansas.

Belck also announced that a national search for a dean of the UNO College of Education will begin this summer. John Langan has served as interim dean of the college since May. Langan previously served as chair of that college's teacher education department.

Lee Terry disagrees with over-the-counter morning-after pill

CRYSTAL REID

Senior staff writer

The morning-after pill might be in the hands of drugstore retailers soon.

The pill could be sold over-the-counter as early as spring in the contraceptive aisle of many drug stores. The Food and Drug Administration's approval to allow the sale of contraceptives has lit a fire under a Nebraska congressman.

Lee Terry (R-Neb.) sent a letter to President George W. Bush opposing the FDA recommendations to make the morning-after pill, also known as Plan B, without a prescription.

In the letter, Terry addressed his concerns about how readily available the contraceptive is for teens. Terry pointed out that youth ages 15 to 24 have a higher incident of acquiring sexually transmitted infections and that widespread availability of the contraceptive may not promote adolescent sexual health.

"Current public efforts to inform young persons of risk have not effectively reduced prevalence of sexually transmitted disease...We are hard-pressed to understand how the over-the-counter availability of Plan B will enhance adolescent sexual health and reduce the incidents of sexually transmitted infection," the letter stated.

Terry does not believe that the contraceptive should be available to teens without consultation, said Charles Isom, communications adviser for Terry.

"It's not an issue of sexual irresponsibility," Isom said. "We just don't think that it should be accessible without the necessary health consultations."

"I have serious problems with teens strolling into a drug store and finding the



photo by Chris Machian

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morning-after pill right next to aspirin," Terry said. "I am appalled by the FDA's recommendation and I hope the President is also."

Terry has also voted to prevent distribution of the pill at school health clinics and is co-sponsor of the Parent's Right to Know Act, a bill that would stop clinics from passing out birth control without parental consent.

A local pharmacist, Wayne Walls, has different ideas about the FDA recommendation. He believes that the drug should still be prescribed by a pharmacist, but should be more available.

"Lee's not just talking about teens," Walls said. "This would make the situation more private for everyone, college students included."

Planned Parenthood urges the FDA to approve Plan B to go over the counter, said Beverly Nolte, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood.

"It is safe and effective," Nolte said. "It's

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New course lets students combine journalism with Internet publishing

MARION RHODES

Staff writer

As news organizations start making more use of Web sites to get news to their audiences, UNO has created a class that will prepare students for the demands of online-oriented journalism.

Jeremy Lipschultz, a professor in the School of Communication, launched a project last summer, called The Omaha News, which features a current-events Web site at www.theomahanews.com.

Students can enroll in the class to receive independent study or practicum credit.

"We needed a way to explore the convergence of media and wanted to create a convergence newsroom," Lipschultz said. Another reason for creating the site, he said, was "to showcase our student work."

The site is already up and running, and a new convergence newsroom that will train students how to work in this new environment should be operational by August, Lipschultz said.

"It is very exciting to be on the ground floor of such fundamental change," Lipschultz said. "We're one of the few programs in the nation that has moved so far ahead with streaming video because UNO Television provided technical knowledge."

Topics on the site are not just limited to UNO news but expand into citywide issues and feature stories.

"I'm interested in developing alternative journalism — stories that go outside of traditional news boundaries," Lipschultz said.

The Omaha News receives its TV footage and stories from

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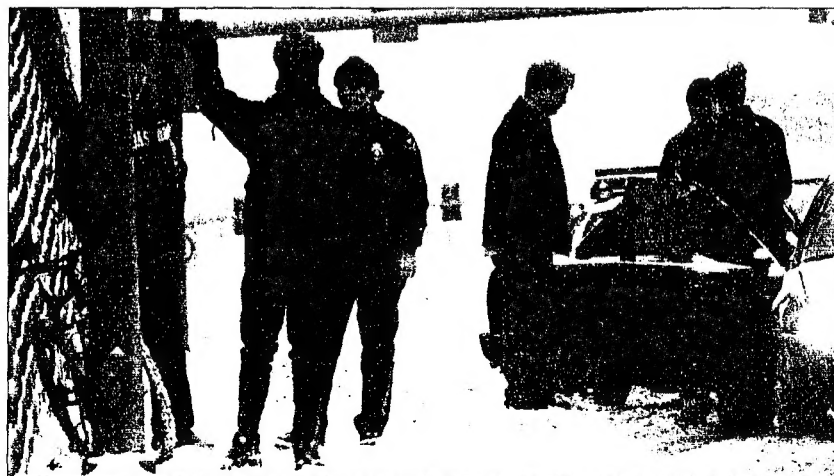


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Chris Seitzer was hit by a vehicle while riding his bicycle home near 67th and Dodge Streets on Sunday afternoon. No one was injured from the two-vehicle accident that occurred shortly after Seitzer was hit.

"I'm lucky to be alive," Seitzer said. He was able to cycle home after the accident.

UNO, Creighton to host Gibson's passion symposium

STEVE GERTIG

Staff writer

UNO and Creighton University will host a symposium on the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, to discuss the movie's meaning Thursday. The movie, directed by Mel Gibson, tells the story of the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus Christ. It has many groups concerned that like other passion plays throughout history, this movie will contain anti-Semitic propaganda. *The Passion of the Christ*, opens Feb. 25 (Ash Wednesday).

Bill Blizek, a professor of philosophy at UNO and editor of the *Journal of Religion and Film*, is the

organizer of the event. He said that UNO and Creighton felt the need to have the forum because it is a "powerful movie" and has a famous director. Blizek said "Mel Gibson felt moved to make the movie."

The forum is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at UNO's Thompson Alumni Center with a kosher lunch for the first 200 people at 11:30 a.m. Seating at UNO is limited—first come, first serve. Some of the UNO sessions include "Is the New Testament Anti-Semitic," and "Passion-ate Moments in the Jesus film Genre."

The symposium then moves to Creighton's Skutt Student Center Ballroom for more sessions from 2

p.m. to 5:30p.m. Some of the Creighton sessions include "Roman, Jews and Greeks: The World of Jesus and the Disciples," and "The Execution of Jesus: A Historical Reconstruction."

There are a total of four sessions at UNO and five sessions at Creighton.

If you can't make it, UNO's *Journal of Religion and Film* and Creighton's *Journal of Religion and Society* will have transcripts on their respective Web sites <http://www.creighton.edu/JRS> and <http://www.unomaha.edu/jrf/>.

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New department offers career guidance

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The still young Office of Career Exploration and Outreach launched a new Web site Monday and is now ready to prepare UNO's students for the job market with full force.

The site, located at www.unomaha.edu/~outreach, is very user-friendly, CEO Manager Michelle Perone said. It features a list of upcoming events and information about companies that are scheduled to set up information tables around campus. Perone said that links to other Web sites and topics related to job

search will soon be added.

Also on the site, students are able to create personal profiles, which will help them in finding suitable jobs. The Web site is only one of the features the office will offer students in the future.

The main function of the office will be developing stronger relationships between employers, alumni and community organizations, Perone said.

"The new office acts as the liaison between the campus and the companies in the Omaha community," Perone said. "It assumes the employer-relations component of the former Career Center."

Services will include job fairs and information days, workshops and student-employer "match-making" through off-campus employment services. "The students will have a better chance to really interact with

employers," Perone said.

Throughout the semester, the department plans to offer various workshops. Initial sessions are likely to focus on topics such as resume building and basic job skills, but Perone said she hopes to come up with more creative workshops as time goes by.

Input from student organizations and area employers is one way Perone hopes to create interesting topics. She said she envisions topics such as networking or how to succeed at your first job for future sessions.

Upcoming activities organized by the department are a Career Information Day on Feb. 9, which will target students who want to network or inquire about companies, and a Job Fair on March 9.

"That's geared toward juniors and seniors who are really looking for those open positions and internships," Perone said.

Brown gives message of hope, unity in keynote address

KIMBERLY BRYANT

News editor

Tony Brown, keynote speaker, author, journalist and founder and host of the PBS series, "Tony Brown's Journal," spoke to an enthusiastic audience of about 250 people Jan. 19. The presentation was part of the UNMC and the Nebraska Medical Center-sponsored 2004 Martin Luther King Commemorative Presentation.

Brown met King for the first time in 1963 when he was asked to help coordinate what would become a historic march in Detroit. The march drew nearly 500,000 people to the streets of Detroit, 66 days before the famous march on Washington in August of that year.

Brown had just graduated from

Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., and was writing for a local black newspaper.

On meeting King, Brown said, "I think, without a doubt, that was the greatest day in my life. That was the day at which I decided what I would do with the rest of my life," Brown said. "At that time, in my generation, we were making the choice of whether we were gonna involved in this movement..."

Brown spoke of King as being very reserved and intense.

"In my youthfulness, I interpreted it as fearfulness. And I wondered what a man that famous has to be unsettled about. I didn't know there were death threats daily, I didn't know he was getting pressure from the F.B.I., and [that there was] a hate campaign being conducted against him and

his family to turn people against him, I didn't know he was dealing with internal betrayals in his own organization. I didn't know that the establishment was livid with him because of his opposition to the Vietnam War, I didn't know any of this. I just knew I loved him, he was famous and he was great."

Brown said Dr. King made the rest of his life possible because he saw a great man and was able to touch a great human being.

"He was at the top of the class, but just remember, we're in the class. And if we're in the class and we're supposed to evolve, where are we supposed to evolve to? We're supposed to evolve away from racialism—and that is separation in whatever way you want—to a unified human group that will truly make this America the greatest thing that ever lived."

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The Omaha Children's Museum is lending a helpful hand. The museum is offering a Welcome Fund to low-income families and gives them an opportunity to visit the museum. The fund is provided solely by donor support.

The Welcome Fund has been in effect for a few years, said Christian Burk, director of marketing at the Omaha Children's Museum. Last year the museum pushed for recruitment through marketing to visitors and targeted outreach programs aimed at underprivileged families. The Children's Museum collaborated with administration at schools and with Title One income designation.

"The Welcome Fund is a way to give to people who really need it," Burk said. "Because of the donations it allows the donors to know that the people receiving the memberships really need it."

The applicant is asked to fill out a form, pay \$5 for an application fee and the applicant must demonstrate a financial need for the fund. The requirements for the Welcome Fund are similar to the free/reduced lunch program, Burk said.

The program is designed to help children that otherwise could not afford to become a member of the museum. The recipients of the Welcome Fund

memberships are kept anonymous.

"We want to make that the reason people are not coming to the museum is not because of money," Burk said.

The new exhibit at the Children's Museum is *T-Rex: King of the Dinosaurs*, which opened Jan. 17. The exhibit tells the story of Tyrannosaurus Rex and displays recent complete fossil discoveries of T-Rex.

"The T-Rex is the most well known and popular dinosaur," Burk said. "The most striving part of the exhibit is the huge skeleton of the T-Rex. That has a very powerful effect on the imagination of the visits."

Visitors can learn the latest theories on T-Rex's appearance, behavior, characteristics and ecology. The exhibit also features fossil casts, life reconstruction, hands-on activities, paintings and participatory displays.

The Omaha Children's Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. On Thursday it is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission to the museum is \$5 for ages 5 to 59, \$4 for ages 2 to 4 and 60 and older and free for children under 2 years old. All children younger than 16 years old must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

For more information about the Welcome Fund or any other program, contact the museum at (402)-342-6165.

Rare cats come to Omaha

By MELISSA KUCIREK
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For anyone that has seen the movie *Best in Show* it's easy to think that a cat show would be similar to a dog show when it comes to judging. That's not the case, said Pat Pankonin, president of The Cat's All, Folks, Inc. Visitors won't see a leashed cat parade around for judges at the International Cat Association Cat Show Feb. 7-8.

Visitors will see cats carried onto a platform and placed inside a "judging cage," in order for the cat to stand still. The judge then rates the animal by its standards.

"In the morning we will have four rings displayed," Pankonin said. "All the breeds will compete against one another. In the afternoon, we will have the specialty breeds, short hair versus short hair, and long hair versus long hair."

Specialty breeds, which include Sphynx, Siamese, Burmese, Persian and Russian Blue are the main draw to the competition, said Pankonin. House cats are welcome to compete in the morning competition, but the above mentioned breeds are a rarity in the Midwest because of cost.

"This is the place to come to see those type of breeds," Pankonin, owner of a Russian Blue, said.

New to this year's competition will be a ring solely dedicated to the Bengal Breed.

No cash prizes are given to the breeders. Pankonin said prizes and titles are more important for the breeder to prove that they've met standards.

"The more prestigious the prize, the better their pedigree will be," she said.

The International Cat Association Cat



photo by Danielle Petersen

The International Cat Association Cat Show will be held at Omaha's Holiday Inn Central on Feb. 7 and 8.

Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 7 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 8. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 12 and younger and senior citizens, \$10 for a family.

"The Cat's All" is a member of The International Cat Association and is in its eighth year of competition. The cat show will be held at Omaha's Holiday Inn Central, 3321 S. 72nd St. Visit the Web site at www.catsall.org for additional information and photos from past events.



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Exhibit features faculty works

REVIEW BY MELISSA KUCIREK

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The sound of Chinese fish slapping against each other and vying for precious food is like the sound of people clapping for a well-done performance. This film of fish, the first image that bombards a visitor in the Studio Art Faculty Exhibition 2004, sets the tone of just that — a well-done showcase of imagination and art from UNO's more-trained artists.

Using their crafts to design works of pottery, photography, painting and welding, among other things, UNO faculty have created a variety of pieces in this exhibit that honor both traditional and modern themes. The show features the works of Jody Boyer, Larry Bradshaw, Gary Day, Amy Haney, Dave Hansen, David Helm, Amy Nelson, Russ Nordman, Bonnie O'Connell, Henry Serenco, Barbara Simcoe, Jeff Spencer and Lori Tatroau.

Nelson's "Within the Nebraska Health System" is a trail of ceramic blocks spelling out in all capital letters the phrase "THE PATIENT IS THE CONSUMER." Each block's panels are painted with words or faces. Words like "schizophrenia," "anxiety," "insomnia," "depression" and "infertility" cascade the blocks' track along the wall.

Adjacent to this work in the gallery is Helm's "Illusion No. 1, II, 3." Each piece has a brass plate with a title sketched in cursive lettering. Helm explained he wanted to look at turn-of-the-century surgical devices with a variety of bases to support them for this trio of work. Helm combined Victorian-era boxes lined with velvet used to hold these instruments with modern, more-industrial tables as support.

"I think the box was used to elevate the status of the person," Helm said.

"Moire," an object Helm sets behind the two others, is a cluster of glass test tubes atop a thinner, higher support table. The table leg bottoms are "arrow" shaped. About 500 test tubes were used to create the piece.

"I'm trying to connect history with contemporary life," Helm said. "The concept behind this piece is anxiety."

A closer look at Helm's "Meltdown" finds electronic components inside glass tubes. Atop a portable steel table, complete with wheels, this artwork also encases melted down wax.

"The empty tubes are 'Omaha air,'" Helm said.

Boyer's untitled works, a trio of photographs from the series "Suspension of Disbelief," are intriguing in their colors and depictions. The prints on aluminum are haunting and reminiscent of old film strips. No faces are clear, but instead are blurred into a grayish, brownish hue.

Hansen's "Taming the Prairie Grasshoppers" hangs from the wall from steel bars and incorporates screening and "insect intervention." Five screens are combined, one in front of the other. Each screen has holes punched out to create a 3-D effect. This visual illusion changes when the viewer changes distance from the screens.

The Studio Art Faculty Exhibition 2004 closes Feb. 6. The gallery is open Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at the north end of the Weber Fine Arts Building. To contact the gallery call 554-2796.

Fire has no effect on museum business

VALERIE CUTSHALL

Features editor

The fire that gutted the Butternut Building complex two weeks ago has taken a part of Omaha's history, but has not dampened business for the Durham Western Heritage Museum.

To be cautious, a portion of the 10th Street Bridge was closed for an undetermined time. Although the Durham Western Heritage Museum, which is located at 801 S. 10th St., was not damaged from the fire, many worried business would slow down.

"We are definitely sorry to see the building go," Michelle Slaughter, a museum spokeswoman said.

Most museum visitors do not mind the new view seen from the museum parking lot, said Slaughter. Some of the museum visitors watch or look at the fire damage of the building from the museum parking lot.

Even though a portion of 10th Street

Bridge, the street directly west of the Durham Western Heritage Museum, was closed, business has not been affected, said Slaughter.

"We just closed a very popular miniature exhibit," Slaughter said. "We will be opening another wonderful exhibit. I expect with the opening of 'Wrapped in Tradition: The Chihuly Collection of Native American Trade Blankets' business will continue to be steady, maybe even pick up."

The "Wrapped in Tradition" exhibit will open Feb. 7 through April 18. The exhibit contains 80 trade blankets and 15 pieces of glass artwork. Each of the pieces has been inspired by the Native American patterns in the trade blankets.

"This is a very impressive exhibit," Slaughter said. "We are expecting a huge turnout because Chihuly is one of the most recognizable contemporary artists."

The military companies made the

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UNO Theatre gets into *The Shape of Things*

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The UNO Theatre is kicking off the spring semester with a production of *The Shape of Things* by Neil Labute. Director Nick Mazzuca and production manager John Gibler have rounded up a talented cast of UNO regulars for this controversial play, close to the heart of any person who has ever considered taking up a relationship with, well, anyone.

Labute's play debuted in London in 2001 and was immediately optioned for a film. However, given the film's limited release (meaning it didn't play Omaha for any significant length of time), the FAUST run presents a unique opportunity for UNO theater-goers to explore ethics in the name of art.

"This is your basic boy meets girl, girl changes boy, girl destroys boy's life story," Mazzuca said. Attracted to the script by what he describes as Labute's, "compelling, utterly gripping, jugular level intensity," Mazzuca, along with Gibler, picked *The Shape of Things* from a number of Labute works. They wanted to continue their tradition of presenting cutting edge theater that does not duplicate or detract from the UNO main stage.

"We were looking for a piece that can bring the art community and the theater community together and this really accomplishes that best," Gibler said. The girl/destroyer, Evelyn, a graduate art student, encounters Adam in a museum, and through the course of their relationship, transforms him so drastically that he is rendered nearly unrecognizable to his best friends and then presented as a living work of art to serve as her graduate thesis.

"This play really forced us, everyone in the cast and creative people involved, to ask ourselves, as artists, what are we willing to do for art?" Mazzuca said. "What is art to us? That went a long way towards informing our creative process in this presentation."

"Particularly interesting," Mazzuca said, "is the stage design by Sean Licari. Rather than your traditional 'kitchen sink' set, the setting is not realistic, using instead a flexible set that is translucent in places, transparent in others. The players can almost see each other doing things to each other, but are unable to put it together."

For those thinking of the person transforms person or creates something anew from an old model as reminiscent of *Pygmalion*/My Fair Lady/Pretty Woman, Mazzuca characterizes the piece as "Pygmalion on ecstasy."

The play opens this Thursday and runs Jan. 29-31 and Feb. 5-7. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. in Room 006 of the Weber Fine Arts Building.



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Mavs mark high on the fast track

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Sports editor

After some impressive performances in recent weeks, the Maverick track and field team made the short journey down Interstate 80 with goals of setting its fastest times of the year.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln hosted the Holiday Inn Classic at the Devaney Sports Center Friday and Saturday. The Devaney Center contains one of the most rare tracks in the world.

"We're running on a three-million dollar track," Maverick Head Coach Tim Hendricks said. "They can raise and lower the bank depending on the distance. It's the only one like it in the nation and one of five in the world."

"The bank of the track aids the runner's technique, especially for men," Hendricks said. "It allows a runner to gain momentum out of a turn and not have to slow down to take it. Then they can use that speed to go uphill on the next turn."

In fact, the track is so innovative, it allowed UNO to set four NCAA Division II provisional marks in running events. Senior Shausha Lee set another in the 20-pound weight throw.

In addition to the five provisional marks, UNO added two first place wins. Sophomore sensation Foluso Makinde won the long jump with a distance of 18 feet, 1.5 inches. Taira Baker also leaped to first place by winning the triple jump at 36 feet 2

inches.

LaVerne Monger earned third place in the 60-meter dash in 7.73 seconds, another provisional mark.

"She's doing very well for a freshman," Hendricks said of the former Omaha Mercy High School standout.

Mandy Neneman also set a high mark in taking third in a 60-meter event. The senior ran the 60-meter hurdles in 8.93. Laura Cass only took seventh in the 400-meter dash, but her 54:44 was good enough for a provisional.

Cass once again, met provisional standards by aiding her 1,600-meter relay as the second leg. The team made up of Sarah Menghini, Cass, Amanda Mahan and Ashley Freeman ran the fourth fastest time in Division II this year. UNO's time of 3:49.81 was good enough for fourth in the tournament as



Ashley Freeman (left) and Laura Cass round a corner during the 400-meter dash.

photo by Steve Houlton

well.

While the distance medley relay won't be featured at the national meet until next season, the Mavericks wanted to hit it hard and make a statement to Division II track teams everywhere. That statement was clearly "We are fast!"

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Mavericks claw one point from Redhawks, remain in last place

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They're not alone in the basement, but they're still there.

After a 2-2 tie and a 7-1 loss, taking one of four points from Miami-Ohio in Oxford, the UNO hockey team climbed into a tie for last in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association at 11 points. Taking three from UNO, Miami remained in first place with 24 points.

Miami peppered UNO goalie Kris Tebbs in Friday's game, but Tebbs played the game of his career to this point for the Mavericks making 37 of 39 saves bolstering UNO to a 2-2 tie.

An early second period goal by Mike Lefley put UNO up 1-0, but the lead wouldn't last the end of the period. Miami scored two goals, one by Derek Edwardson and another by Greg Hogeboom to claim the lead.

But 11 third-period saves by Tebbs opened the door for a Mike Cabinet power play goal at 10:47 of the third.

Frustration turned fruitful for the Redhawks Saturday however as they exploded for seven goals on their way to a 7-1 win. Seven different skaters scored for the Redhawks as they dealt UNO its worst loss of the season.

Special teams, which has been the backbone of any kind of success for UNO this season failed them Saturday night. UNO allowed two short-handed goals and a power play goal while going 0-for-7 on the power play. The Mavericks were just 1 for 14 with the man-advantage on the weekend, a situation which they were operating as the best in the conference.

Edwardson started the onslaught with his short-hander at 8:09 of the first period. His goal and three assists in Saturday's contest gave him five points on the

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Mav men's late surge fails to salvage sweep

PAUL FREELAND

Senior staff writer

A promising start to the weekend for the Maverick men's basketball team was squelched Saturday, forcing the Mavs to settle for a split. UNO erased an early deficit on Friday against St. Cloud State to rally and win 78-69 at the Sapp Fieldhouse. Minnesota State-Mankato put UNO in a hole they could not escape, though, shooting 67 percent in the first half en route to a 102-93 win on Saturday.

Maverick Head Coach Kevin McKenna told his team that road wins are now no longer a luxury, but a necessity.

"Every loss is disappointing," McKenna

said. "I told the team that now we have to figure out a way to steal a win or two on the road. Now we have a couple weeks where we only have one game, so we need to bounce back and get tougher."

UNO, SCSU and Minnesota-Mankato all entered the weekend with 3-1 North Central Conference records. The Huskies held a lead that swung between three and six points for most of the first half, but the Mavericks scored the second half's first 12 points to pull ahead for good. SCSU closed to within 55-52 with 6:19 left only to have the Mavs hit 16 of 20 free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Maverick guard Zac Robinson said his team's strong start to the second half was key to their triumph.

"We knew we needed to come out and make a stand in those first five minutes," Robinson said. "Whether our shots are going in or not, if we're fighting and playing hard, we should be able to stay in the game."

These home games are huge for us because when you're on the road in the NCC, you never know what's going to happen."

Robinson had 15 points for the Mavs while Calvin Kapels led the team with 21 points and five steals. Nate Miller had a game-high 23 points for the Huskies. Minnesota-Mankato had little trouble against UNO's defense on Saturday, draining two-thirds of their 27 shots and six of their 10 three-pointers. MSM continued to pile on the offense and had an 84-57 edge with 8:32 left when the

home team started their rally. Sporting mostly reserves on the floor, UNO scored 12 unanswered points and eventually pulled to within 90-81 with 3:13 remaining. Arthur Boults helped key the charge by scoring 19 points in his 13 minutes of action.

Boults said the players on the bench started playing as if they had nothing to lose.

"We thought it could happen," Boults said. "We figured we couldn't do any worse than that. Everyone on the bench was getting ready to try and make an impact."

There was no intensity in the first half, but we turned up the press and guys started flying around and diving after balls. Anything goes when you're down 20."

The wind was taken out of the comeback, though, as Randy Bland was whistled for charging on the next possession and Mankato hit 12 of 14 free throws in the closing minutes to ice the game.

Boults' 19 points led UNO (14-5, 4-2 NCC) while Bland had 16 points and six rebounds and Andre Tarpley added 14 points. Jamel Staten led all scorers with 25 points for MSM while Chris Whitfield recorded six blocked shots. McKenna said he was pleased with his team's comeback effort, but there was much room for improvement in the rest of the game.

"I'm pleased that we stayed with the game and tried to fight back," McKenna said. "There were a lot of things in the game that we didn't do a very good job of, though."



photo by Chris Machian

Calvin Kapels breaks through St. Cloud State's defense for a layup.

Going 3-20 on threes and shooting less than 50 percent on free throws, it's just one of those things."

"We scored enough points to win most games, but we gave up 102 points and you can't get away with that."

UNO will travel to Vermillion, S.D., to play South Dakota (12-6, 2-4) on Jan. 31 before hosting the Coyotes Feb. 7.



photo by Josh Williamson

CJ Martin races around Minnesota State-Mankato's Ryan Hulke.

Shaky defense spoils women's weekend

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Home cooking proved to be little comfort as the Maverick women's basketball team's losing streak stretched to six games.

St. Cloud State scored almost at will against the Mavs Friday in a 95-80 win for the Huskies, shooting 57 percent for the game. Minnesota State-Mankato, throttled 84-47 one night earlier by South Dakota, took advantage of a horrific start by UNO and cruised to an 81-60 win on Saturday.

Maverick Head Coach Lisa Carlsen said her team would continue to fight on despite being firmly planted in the North Central Conference cellar.

"We've got two choices," Carlsen said. "We can either throw in the towel or we can keep fighting. There's not too many of these kids who are ready to throw in the towel and the coaches aren't ready to throw in the towel."

SCSU's offense ran at will against the Maverick defense, erasing an early four-point deficit with a 19-4 spurt that put the Huskies ahead to stay. The Mavs' offense kept them in the game, hitting 16 of their 30 first half shots (53.3 percent), but the Huskies still led 46-36 at halftime.

Carlsen said SCSU's advantage came from offensive efficiency, not gimmickry.

"I thought St. Cloud played extremely well," Carlsen said. "Even when we knew what they were going to do, we still couldn't stop it. They didn't do anything we didn't expect, it was just a combination of them executing well and our failure to adjust defensively."

With 4:51 left, UNO closed to within 80-71 on four successive free throws from JJ. Smith. It was as close as the Mavs would come, though, as the Huskies



photo by Chris Machian

No. 52 JJ Smith and LaCheryl Prince go up for a rebound.

closed out the second half shooting 58 percent.

Smith came off the bench to lead the Mavericks with 18 points and seven rebounds while Shannon Eggers had 16 points and both Lindsey Petersen and Leslie Ross had 15 points. Sascha Hansen led four Huskies in double figures with 19 points.

UNO stumbled out of the blocks against Mankato, misfiring on 11 of their first 12 shots as MSM pulled out to a 16-3 lead. UNO countered with a 10-2 run, but would only hit one more field goal in the half. Mankato shot 52 percent in the first half while UNO hit six of its 23 shots for 26 percent, up from a dismal 15 percent

halfway through the first stanza.

Carlsen said her team pressed the issue too much in what may have been one of its best chances for a win in the NCC.

"You try to play on the edge of intensity without playing tight and we haven't figured out how to do that yet," Carlsen said. "I still believe in this team for the big picture, but it's hard to think of anything positive at the moment."

Mankato's offense slowed down little in the second half, knocking down 64 percent of its shots and six of 10 three-pointers. MSM finished with 81 points,

see DEFENSE, page 7

Huskers sink Mavs at UNL swim meet



photo by Steve Houlton

Matina Zamecnik swims the 500-yard freestyle at the UNL/UNO meet in Lincoln.

BRIAN BRASHAW

Staff writer

The Cornhusker women's swimming and diving team acted the role of shark as they took a huge bite out of UNO, winning a dual 198-93 at the Devaney Sports Center Pool in Lincoln.

UNO won just three of 16 events Saturday. Sarah Clark took first in the 50-yard freestyle for the Mavericks with a time of 24.56 seconds, just .27 seconds late of the national qualifying mark.

Led by Ashley Renshaw, the 400-yard medley was the best event of the meet for UNO. UNO took the top five spots in the event. Renshaw took first in 4 minutes and 43.32 seconds. Veronica Barna took second (4:45.53), Beth Hempleman was third (4:55.03) Megan Jamieson was fourth (5:02.91) and Shannon Meyer took fifth (5:17.21).

The team of Clark, Matina Zamecnik, Bridgette Schram and Lisa Wemhoff placed first in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:38.91.

Lauren Bailey led the Huskers by winning three events on the day. Bailey took 1,650 freestyle, the 500 freestyle and the 400 individual medley.

Sophomore Amie Bouy won both the one-meter and three-meter diving contests for the Huskers.

UNO is now 7-3 in duals this season and Nebraska improved to 6-2. The Mavericks travel to South Dakota next weekend for North Central Conference action.

The Mavericks then travel to Vermillion, S.D. Friday before hosting Northern Michigan Saturday.

MBSC Activities

The Milo Bail Student Center



Tues., Jan. 27th

7:30 am Catholic Campus Ministry
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
1 pm First Year Experience
2 pm Interviewing Skills
3 pm Delta Epsilon Chi
4 pm SHAC
5:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta
6 pm Christ on Campus
6:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta
7:30 pm Lambda Theta Nu

Wed., Jan. 28th

7:30 am Campus Crusade
8 am Services for Students with Disabilities
9:30 am University Village Management Committee
12 noon Golden Key
12 noon African American Organization
12 noon ALAS
12 noon Stephenson Interns
12 noon Illuno
2 pm Academic & Curricular Affairs

2:30 pm Faculty Personnel & Welfare
2:30 pm SPSC
3 pm Campus Crusade
5 pm Theta Chi

Thurs., Jan. 29th

10 am Consider This . . .
12 noon CBA Dean Candidates
3 pm Faculty Academic Policy
3 pm Joyce Carson's Retirement Reception
3 pm Winterguard
4 pm Panhellenic
5:30 pm Christ on Campus
6:30 pm Kappa Delta Pi
7 pm Delta Sigma Pi

Fri., Jan. 30th

8:30 am SLA Faculty Development
9 am Seminar on Plagiarism
11:45 am SLA Faculty Development
12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous
12 noon Interfraternity Council
12 noon The Grove
12 noon First Year Experience
12 noon Honor Band
1 pm SLA Faculty Development

1 pm Future Cities
2 pm Judicial Board
3:30 pm MPA Meeting
5 pm Music

Sat., Jan. 31st

7:30 am Future Cities
8 am Circle K
11:30 am Music

Sun., Feb. 1st

2 pm Zeta Tau Alpha
4 pm Sigma Kappa
5 pm Pi Kappa Alpha
5 pm Phi Beta Sigma
5:30 pm NCNW
5:30 pm Lambda Chi Alpha
6 pm Sigma Lambda Beta
6 pm Student Gaming Org.
6:30 pm Theta Chi
7 pm Theta Chi

Mon., Feb. 2nd

10 am SHAC
11 am Swing/Latin Dance
12 noon AA
12 noon Master Success
12 noon African American Organization
12 noon CBA Dean Candidates

12 noon Cultural Awareness Programs
12 noon China Nat'l Petroleum Corp.
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5 pm Chi Omega
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Tues., Feb. 3rd

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